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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 23, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Remarks

Claims 6-8 and 10-12 are rejected as being anticipated by Sircar (U.S. Patent No. 5,071,449), Rouge et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,891,218), Gmelin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,228,888) or Hirooka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,122,164). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following comments.

Regarding the position that the equation of claim 6 "does not provide any structure to the adsorption column", "recites a structure that includes an adsorber housing containing adsorbent particles of a specific size", and "would be a process variable and not an apparatus limiting variable", Applicants respectfully disagree with this position.

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